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SUBJ: GOBI CHANGES TO DRAFT CARRY-OVER NOTE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ALTERED CARRY-OVER NOTE WHICH WAS
JUST GIVEN ME BY CABINET SECRETARY:

2. QTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING
DEFENCE AND SECURITY MATTERS AND THE CONTINUANCE OF THE U.S.
MILITARY RIGHTS IN THE BAHAMAS AS WELL AS EXISTING MARITIME
PRACTICES.

QTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENT
CONFIRM THE CONTINUING APPLICATION, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, AND
DURING THE CONTINUANCE OF TALKS BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE GOV-
ERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A DEFINITIVE UNDERSTANDING
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OF THOSE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

U.K. AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. WHICH CONCERN U.S. AND U.K. RIGHTS RELATING TO EXISTING MILITARY FACILITIES AND MILITARY OPERATING RIGHTS IN THE BAHAMAS, AND WHICH WERE IN FORCE ON THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE BAHAMAS. THIS CONFIRMATION WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE RIGHTS FOR U.K. FORCES TO CONTINUE TO USE U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH GOVERNED SUCH USE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

QTE IN ADDITION, U.S. PUBLIC VESSELS ON NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICE SHALL HAVE FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO AND MOVEMENT IN, THE WATERS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO BAHAMIAN JURISDICTION. WHEN SUCH VESSELS ENTER BAHAMIAN PORTS, APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION SHALL, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, BE MADE TO THE PROPER BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE AGREED.

QTE IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, I HAVE THE HONOUR FURTHER TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR EXCELLENCE'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF BAHAMIAN INDEPENDENCE AND CONTINUE IN FORCE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING SAID RIGHTS. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS THE CONCLUSION OF THAT DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT SHALL CONTINUE EXPECITIOUSLY AS IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO REACH AGREEMENT BY 31 DECEMBER, 1973 SUBJECT TO THE EXTENSION OF THAT DAY BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS; AND THAT THE PARTIES WOULD MEET AT ANY TIME AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER OF THEM, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.K., TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS IN THE BAHAMAS.
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3. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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